

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 11-22 were allowed by the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2008. Claims 1-10 were rejected. Reconsideration of all rejected claims is requested in light of the arguments and amendments presented here.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5, and 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0029637 A1 to Hein Jr., et al. ("Hein").

Claim 1 is amended to include all claim elements previously recited in claim 21 (now cancelled) and thus corresponds to claim 21 rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 is therefore allowable as indicated in the Office Action. Claims 1-5 and 9-10 depend from claim 1 and are therefore submitted to be allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Claim 22 is amended to reflect dependence from claim 1 instead of claim 21 (cancelled).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned at 510-663-1100 would be appreciated.

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